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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4-6, and 14-16 as follows:

- 4. A prosthesis joint device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the first articular surface of said first component and the third articulate surface of said third component complementary thereto are each shaped partly spherically with equal radii of curvature.
- 5. A prosthesis joint device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the second articular surface of said second component and the fourth articular surface of said third component complementary thereto are each partly anticlastic surface and have equal curvatures.

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